

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q79414

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted," mailed April 15, 2004 for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith a copy of the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find a verified English language translation of the application, a Petition for Extension of Time and a copy of the executed Assignment and Form PTO 1595.

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Checks for the statutory fee of \$1576.00 (\$770 basic filing fee + \$130 declaration surcharge +\$130 English language translation + \$288 excess claims fee + \$258 excess independent claim fee) and Recordation of Assignment fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.

 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine
 the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be
 determined.
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